

**City of Alton City Commission  
Regular Meeting 7:30 pm  
January 12, 2016 Minutes**

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**Members Present**

Mayor Salvador Vela  
Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr  
Commissioner Ricardo Garza  
Commissioner Richard Arevalo  
Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr

**City Staff Present**

Jorge Arcaute  
Baudelia Rojas  
Jeff Underwood  
Rudy Garza  
Ricardo Gonzalez  
Rosie Tello  
Javier Garcia  
Steve Pena  
Janie Gaytan  
Janie Flores

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT:**

With a quorum of the Alton City Commission present, Mayor Salvador Vela called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approve the minutes of the City Commission meeting of December 8, 2015.**

**Discuss and consideration to approve a six month extension of the preliminary and final plat approval for Alton Coves Subdivision.**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Consider and approve Interlocal agreement between Hidalgo County Head Start Program and the City of Alton.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated agreement was for two years beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. Consider and approve request by the County of Hidalgo Elections Department to use a City of Alton facility as a voting site during the November 2016 General Elections.**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated request was received to use City facility for the General elections. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**3. Adoption of Resolution 2016-01, a resolution of the City Commission of the City of Alton, Texas, amending the City Commission policy relating to handguns on City property by adopting a City Commission policy prohibiting the carrying of handguns into meeting rooms during open meetings, prohibiting the carrying of handguns and rifles by city employees or officials, providing for a severability clause; providing for an effective date.**

Ricardo Gonzalez, City Attorney stated the resolution affects employees and the City Commission only. This is only policy. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Adoption of Ordinance 2016-01, an ordinance amending the code of ordinances relating to handguns in schools, polling places during elections, racetracks, airports, bars, liquor stores, sporting events, jail facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, amusement parks and churches. Providing for an effective date and severability clause and waiving a second and third reading.**

Ricardo Gonzalez, City Attorney stated ordinance specifies locations where a concealed handgun cannot be used. Staff recommends approval. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Ricardo Garza and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. Approve the disposition of surplus vehicles, equipment and other minor items.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

**6. Approve the disposal of Police Department abandoned vehicles through a public auction.**

Motion to approve was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and seconded by Commissioner Emilio Cantu Jr. Motion carried 5-0.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 551.071 & 551.072**

VI. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:**

VII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jorge Arcaute, City Manager stated Alton Gala is scheduled for March 12. The City of Alton hosted a passport training 01/8/16. The Fire department academy will be starting soon around March.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arturo Galvan Jr and second by Commissioner Richard Arevalo. Motion carried 5-0.

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Salvador Vela, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Baudelia Rojas TRMC, CPM  
City Secretary

